



Community Member MRRRC Board Chair/President Downriver Chapter

Senate Committee on Families, Seniors and Human Services

A Family United, Support Statement on SB 594 Wednesday, March 5, 2014

Senator Emmons, members of the committee and guests; my name is Richard A. Sands..., I am the grandfather of Stephanie Michelle Brown, a 17-year old girl..., my granddaughter died on March 16, 2007..., a victim of sex-trafficking in the suburbs of Detroit.

I am unfortunately and most regrettably unable to be here today with you and on behalf of my family..., our friends, other survivors of modern-day slavery and many local communities throughout Michigan..., however, that said and as survivors ourselves, having lost a loved one to the illegal trafficking of sex/labor, drugs and/or guns..., we feel that the ongoing pain and tragic suffering we have all felt so heavily upon our hearts during the past 7-years hoping, praying and being personally engaged in raising community awareness around the State of Michigan and indeed nationwide, will and/or shall from this day forward bear the fruits of our labor by your support for SB 594, ***“Local Regulation of Adult Entertainment Business Employees Act”...***

Everywhere across the county while sharing our story about my granddaughter’s death and a few other adult entertainment independent contractor/employee civil or criminal cases, we found that the community, local government entity and even private citizens engaged in anti-sex/labor trafficking repeatedly stated that if their State level governments had updated laws to empower and enable local governments with greater legal authority to enact ordinances that would certainly show a unified and state-wide coordinated effort for the prevention, protection, prosecution and partnerships engaged in combating modern-day slavery in or of any kind, form or nature.

Again, herein and in closing remarks..., please support SB 594, ***“Local Regulation of Adult Entertainment Business Employees Act”*** because had we had this law 7-years ago Stephanie Michelle Brown, my 17-year old granddaughter, would not have been allowed in a strip-club to get a job dancing in the first place... God Bless and thank you Senator Emmons, members of the committee and guests for allowing me to testify or place my statement on the official record.

Respectfully Submitted with Best Regards,

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SENATE BILL No. 594

October 3, 2013, Introduced by Senators EMMONS, HANSEN, ANDERSON, WARREN, JANSEN, ROBERTSON, NOFS, JONES, PAPPAGEORGE, SCHUITMAKER, BIEDA, HOPGOOD, ANANICH, MARLEAU, CASPERSON, MOOLENAAR, BRANDENBURG, ROCCA, MEEKHOF, CASWELL, BOOHER and COLBECK and referred to the Committee on Families, Seniors and Human Services.

A bill to authorize a local unit of government to enact an ordinance requiring any person employed at an adult entertainment business to obtain a work permit; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain government officials.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "local
2 regulation of adult entertainment business employees act".

3 Sec. 3. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Adult entertainment business" means a nightclub, bar,
5 restaurant, or similar commercial enterprise that provides live
6 nude entertainment or live nude performances for an audience of 2
7 or more individuals.

8 (b) "Local unit of government" means a city, village, or

1 township.

2 (c) "Nude" means either of the following:

3 (i) Entirely unclothed.

4 (ii) Clothed in a manner that leaves uncovered or visible
5 through less than fully opaque clothing any portion of the breasts
6 below the top of the areola of the breasts, if the person is
7 female, or any portion of the genitals or buttocks.

8 Sec. 5. (1) A local unit of government may adopt an ordinance
9 requiring any person employed at an adult entertainment business,
10 including, but not limited to, dancers, waitresses, waiters,
11 bartenders, dishwashers, or janitors, to obtain a permit to work at
12 the adult entertainment business.

13 (2) A local unit of government that adopts an ordinance under
14 this section may require an applicant for a permit to provide any
15 of the following information:

16 (a) Name.

17 (b) Date of birth.

18 (3) A local unit of government that adopts an ordinance under
19 this section shall establish clear standards for reviewing and
20 approving or denying a permit to work at an adult entertainment
21 business, and the permitting process shall not take any longer than
22 14 days to complete from the time the permit application is filed.

SENATE BILL No. 1612

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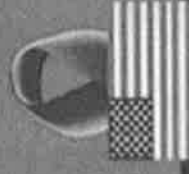
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STATE SENATOR
JUDY K. EMMONS

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